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WARFIELD DOCUMENTARY

CHARLESTON, IL--William Warfield, Eastern Illinois University's Visiting Professor for Cultural Diversity, is the subject of a documentary being produced by WILL-TV, Urbana.

The 60-minute program, "A Portrait of William Warfield," premieres at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, on Channel 12 in Charleston and Mattoon and profiles the internationally acclaimed performer and former University of Illinois music professor.

Included are scenes at Eastern of Professor Warfield teaching his "master class" and at the faculty recital he performed Sept. 10.

In addition to teaching, Warfield's fall semester assignment at Eastern includes providing mentoring to students, conferring with faculty and administrators on various issues and being accessible to the University-at-large.

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He will also perform during Eastern's Community Holiday Party Dec. 7.

The Channel 12 documentary traces the life and career of Warfield, who first claimed the national spotlight in 1951 with his rendition of "Old Man River" in the MGM movie Show Boat.

Some 20 years later, Warfield fulfilled his lifelong dream to become a teacher when he joined the voice faculty at the U. of I. School of Music. He retired as chair of the Voice Department there in May 1990.